

Language

Grammar, conventions and vocabulary, grade by grade

	GRAMMAR, CAPITALS & PUNCTUATION	VOCABULARY
KINDERGARTEN	Complete sentences ♦ Capitals & end marks ♦ Spelling by sound	Word clues ♦ Sorting words by meaning ♦ Collecting new words
GRADE 1	Nouns & verbs ♦ Full sentences ♦ Capitals & punctuation ♦ Spelling patterns	Context clues ♦ Related words ♦ Shades of meaning ♦ Collecting new words
GRADE 2	Correct grammar ♦ Capitals & commas ♦ Spelling rules ♦ Words that fit the situation	Unfamiliar words ♦ Real-life word meanings ♦ Word groups ♦ Growing a word bank
GRADE 3	Parts of speech ♦ Varied sentences ♦ Punctuation & spelling ♦ Writing vs. talking	Prefixes & suffixes ♦ Context clues ♦ Figures of speech ♦ Shades of meaning ♦ Topic words
GRADE 4	Stronger grammar ♦ Sentence building ♦ Capitals & punctuation ♦ Tricky spellings ♦ Words & style for purpose	Word parts & tools ♦ Similes & idioms ♦ Opposites ♦ Topic vocabulary
GRADE 5	Parts of speech ♦ Capitals, commas, spelling ♦ Language in context	Using context clues ♦ Figurative language ♦ Academic words
GRADE 6	Sentence structure ♦ Punctuation and spelling ♦ Choosing words for meaning	Context clues and word parts ♦ Figurative language ♦ Academic and subject words
GRADE 7	Grammar and usage ♦ Capitalization and punctuation ♦ Choices for style	Word roots and affixes ♦ Word relationships ♦ Academic vocabulary
GRADE 8	Varied sentence structure ♦ Punctuation and spelling ♦ Language and style	Using reference materials ♦ Word nuances ♦ Subject-specific words
GRADE 9	Grammar in writing and speech ♦ Conventions of writing ♦ Effective language choices	Multiple-meaning words ♦ Figurative language ♦ Domain-specific words
GRADE 10	Advanced usage ♦ Punctuation and spelling mastery ♦ Language in different contexts	Word roots and affixes ♦ Nuances in word meaning ♦ Academic vocabulary
GRADE 11	Command of grammar ♦ Polished punctuation and spelling ♦ Style and meaning choices	Decoding unknown words ♦ Figurative language, nuance ♦ Precise academic words
GRADE 12	Mastery of standard English ♦ Error-free writing conventions ♦ Purposeful style choices	Clarifying word meanings ♦ Nuance and figurative language ♦ Advanced academic words